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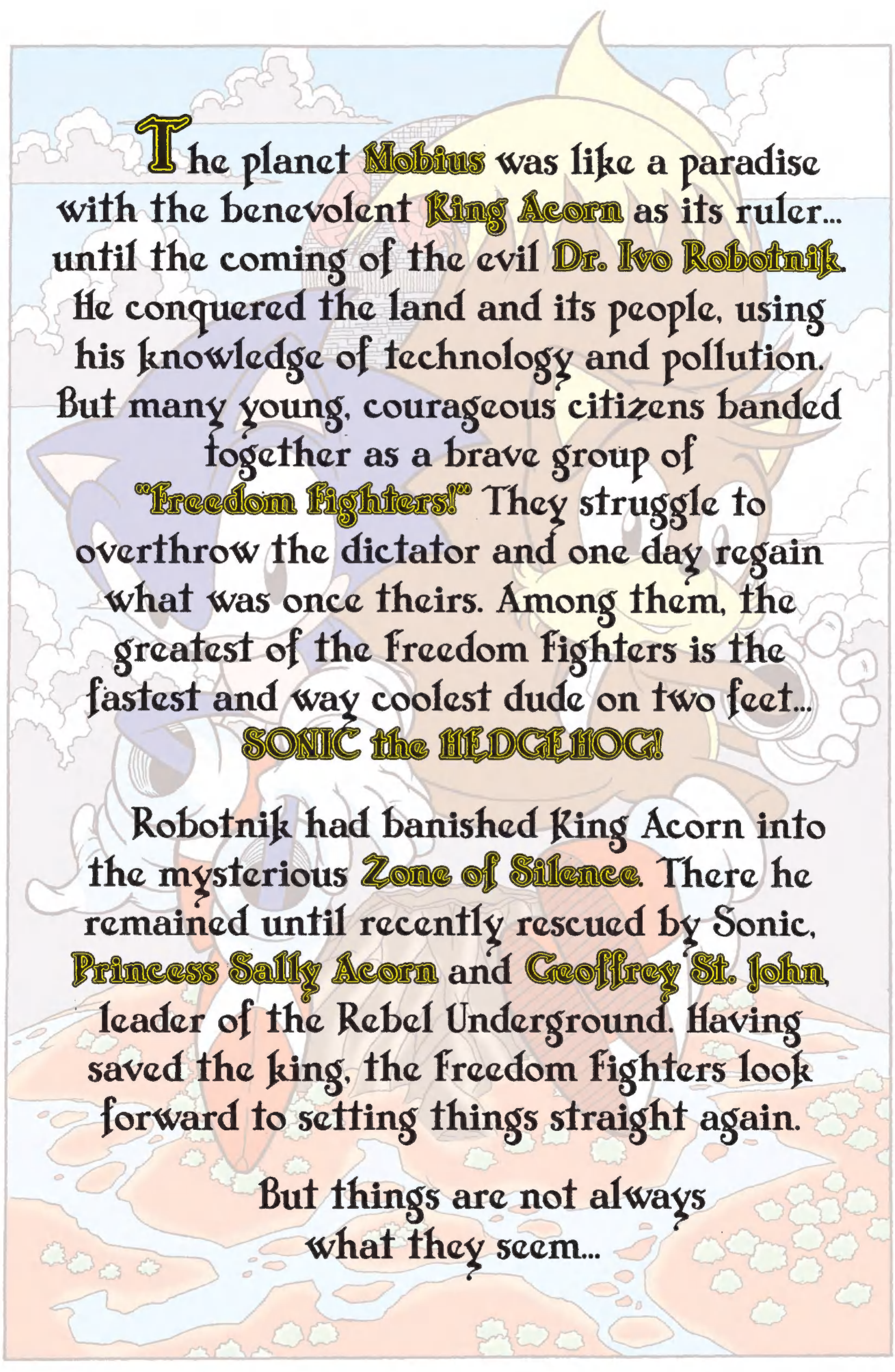
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THE DEATH EGGSAGA™



The background of the page features a large, stylized illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing his signature red shoes and a white glove on his right hand. His expression is neutral, and he is looking slightly to the right. Behind him, a smaller, more detailed illustration of King Acorn is visible. King Acorn is a brown acorn with a white face, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. He is also looking to the right. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on this background.

The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise with the benevolent **King Acorn** as its ruler... until the coming of the evil **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of **"Freedom Fighters!"** They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet...
SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious **Zone of Silence**. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, **Princess Sally Acorn** and **Geoffrey St. John**, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always
what they seem...

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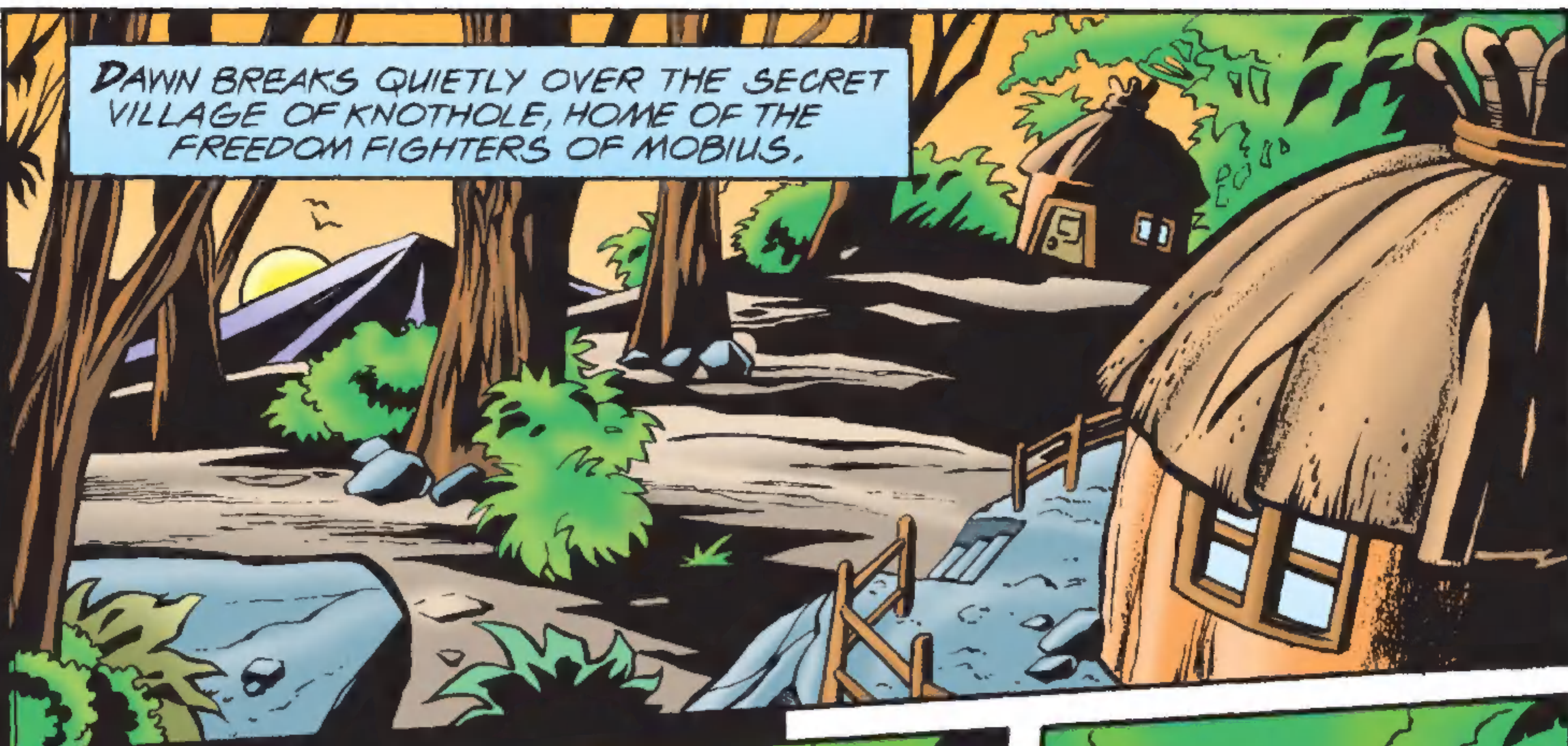
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DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.



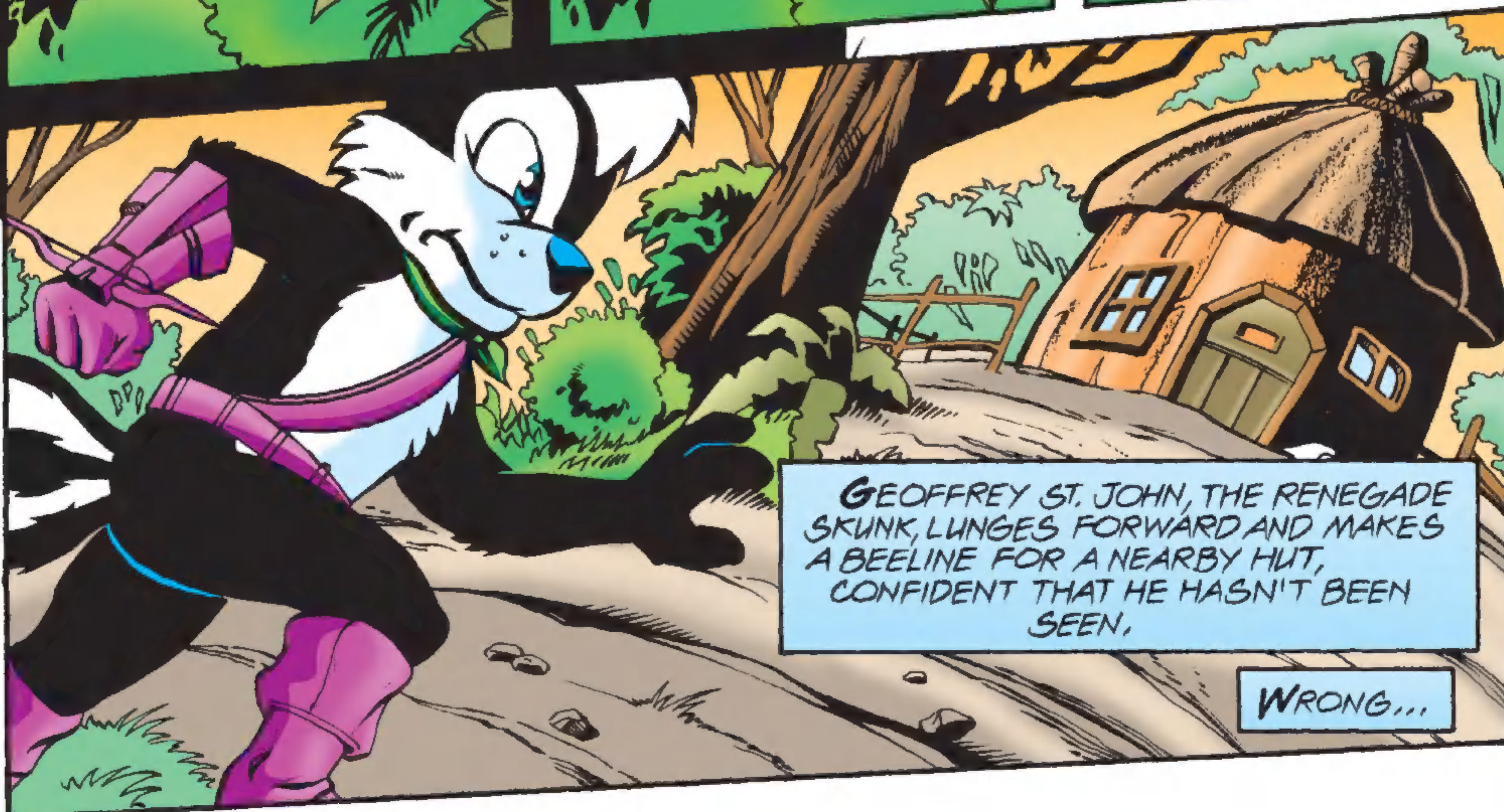
ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.



SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.



EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.

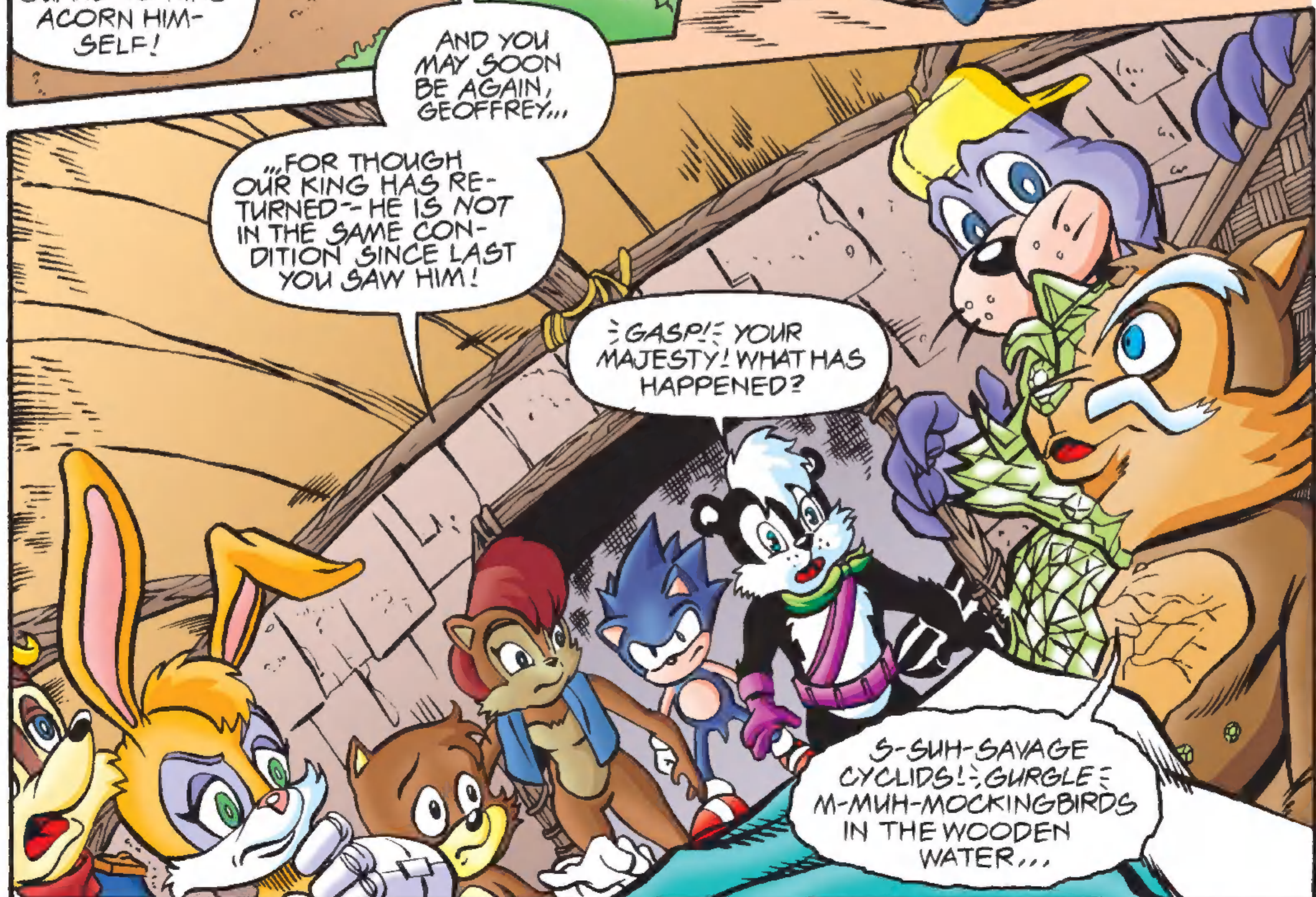
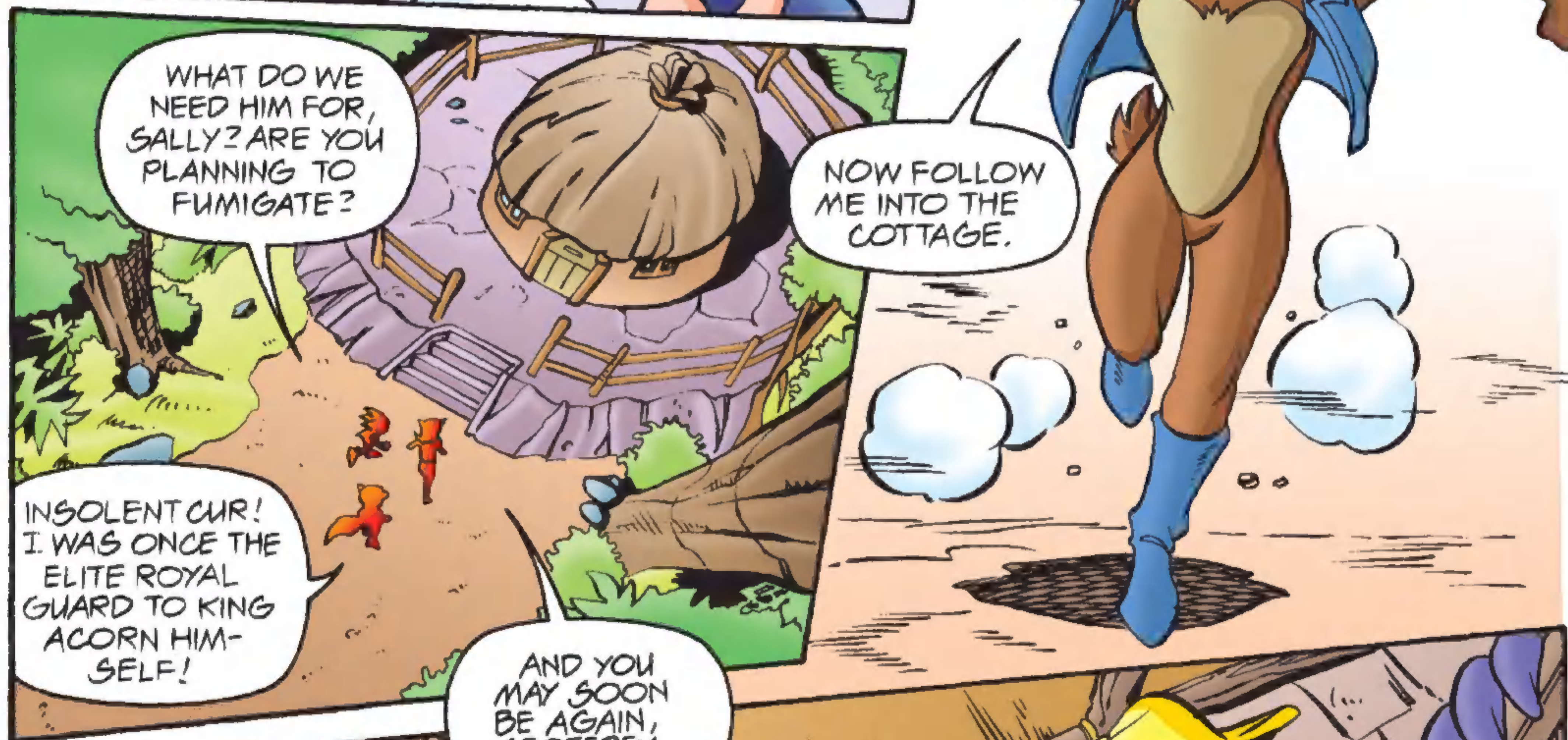
WRONG...



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BOOK ONE

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OH, GEOFFREY!
SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED AROUND
HERE, I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE TO
BEGIN...

"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK
MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE
OUR PREMIER FREEDOM
FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!"

"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY
CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT
UNDER WAY.

"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A
VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK
ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID.
WE BARELY ESCAPED.

"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC
RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM
THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS
BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"*

"RECAPPING EVENTS FROM SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10+11 AND SONIC SELECT VOL. 2"

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. DR. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DIS-ORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!

FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.



WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH?



WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!

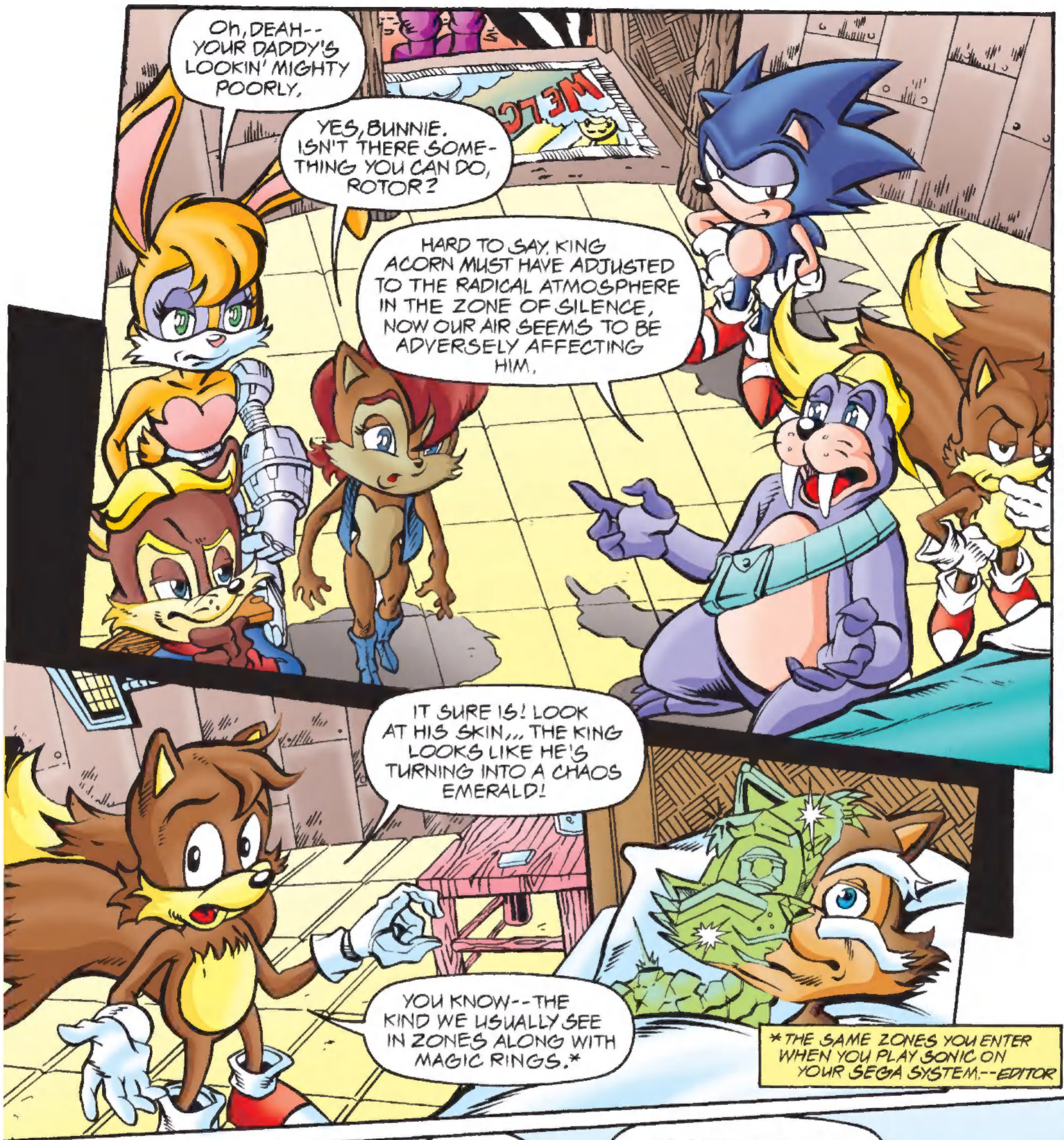


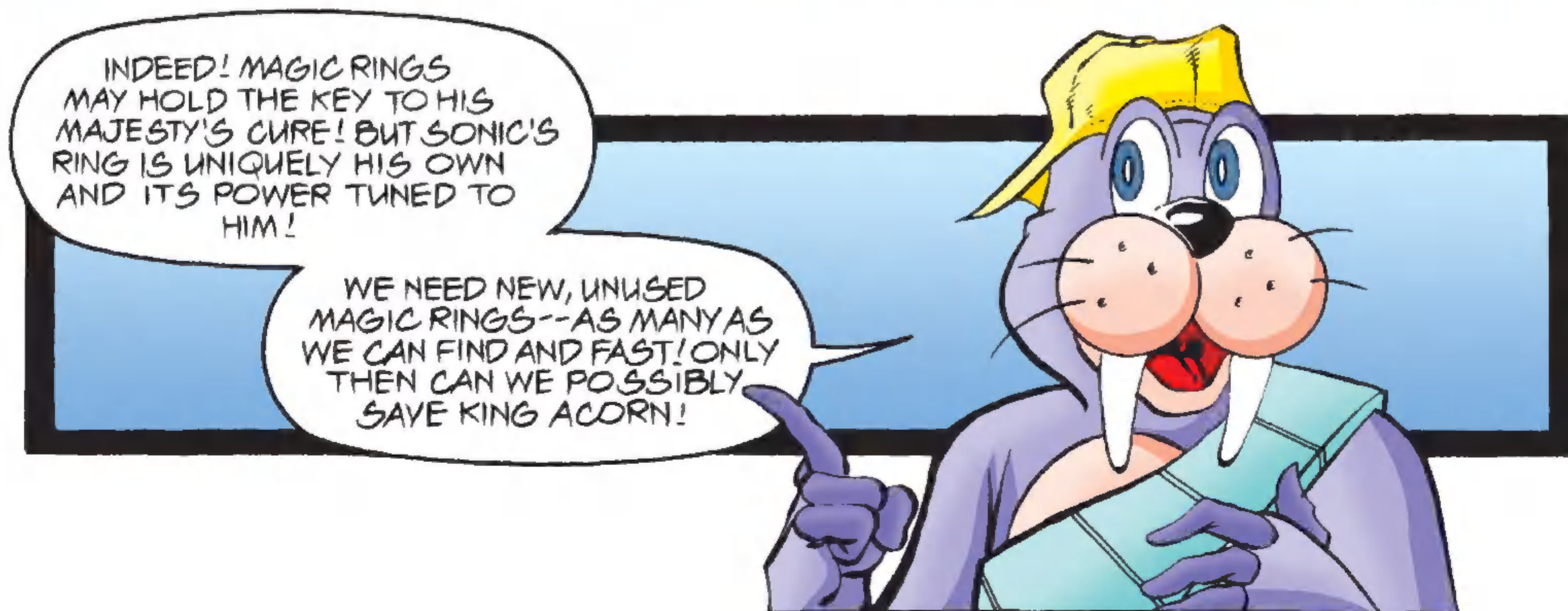
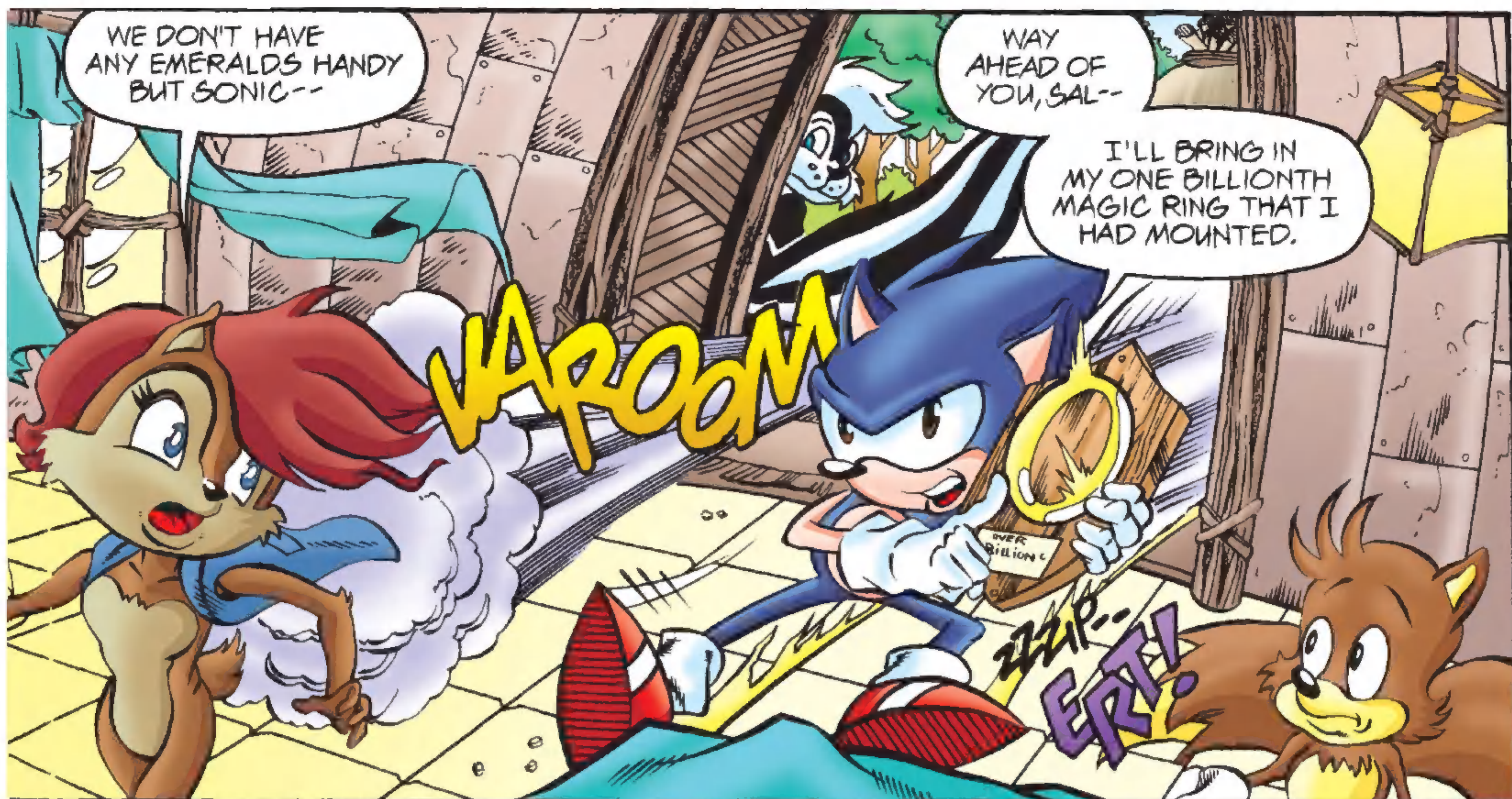
I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?

SONIC...





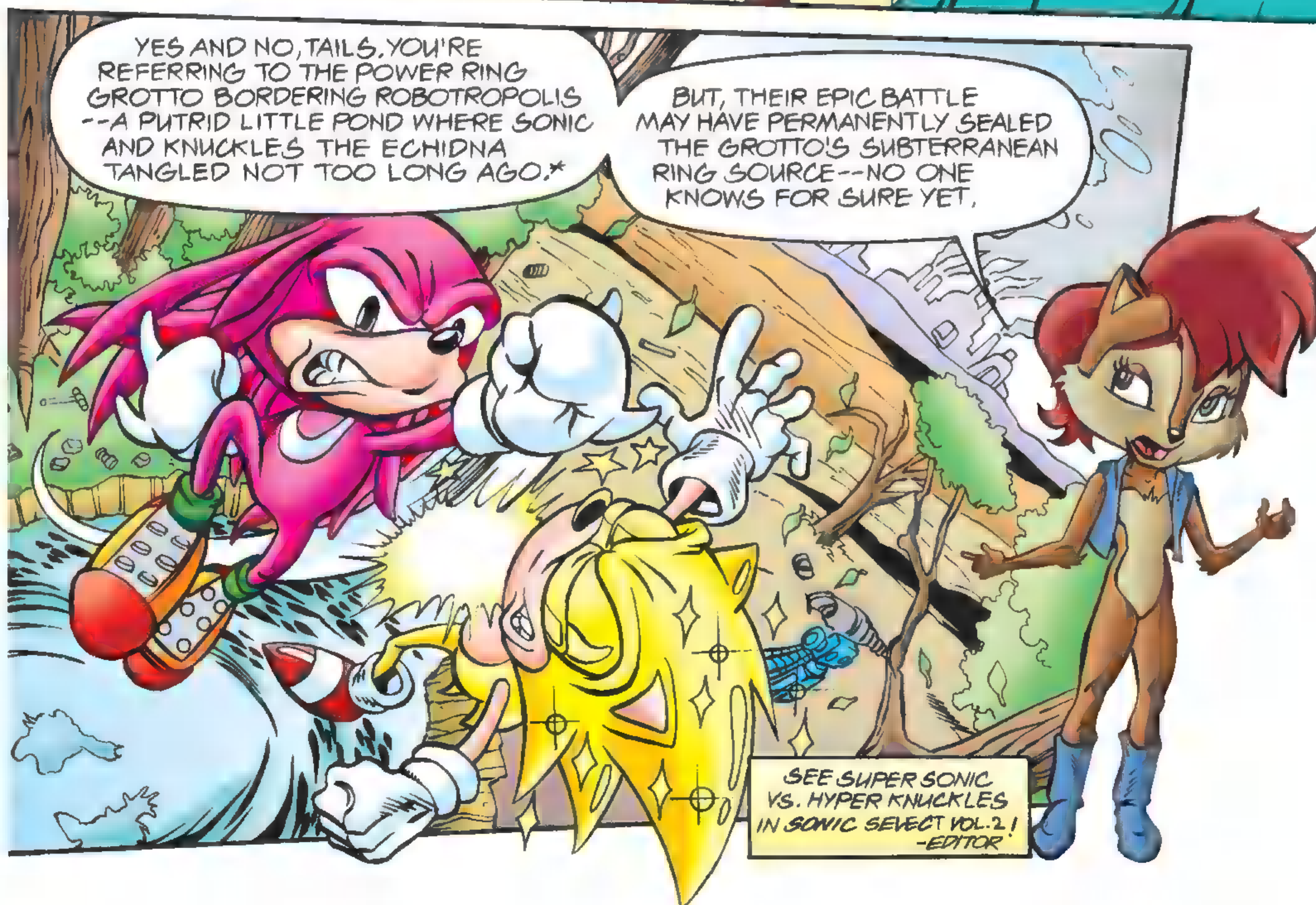




HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!

NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...

GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!



YES AND NO, TAILS. YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*

BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET.

SEE SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC SEVCT VOL.2!
-EDITOR

HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*

THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DOVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!

* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10.
--EDITOR

I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.

SHO' NUFF!

SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS.

RIGHTY-O!

YES, MA'AM!

ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.

MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!

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BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED Eggman

PART 2

AT THAT
MOMENT...

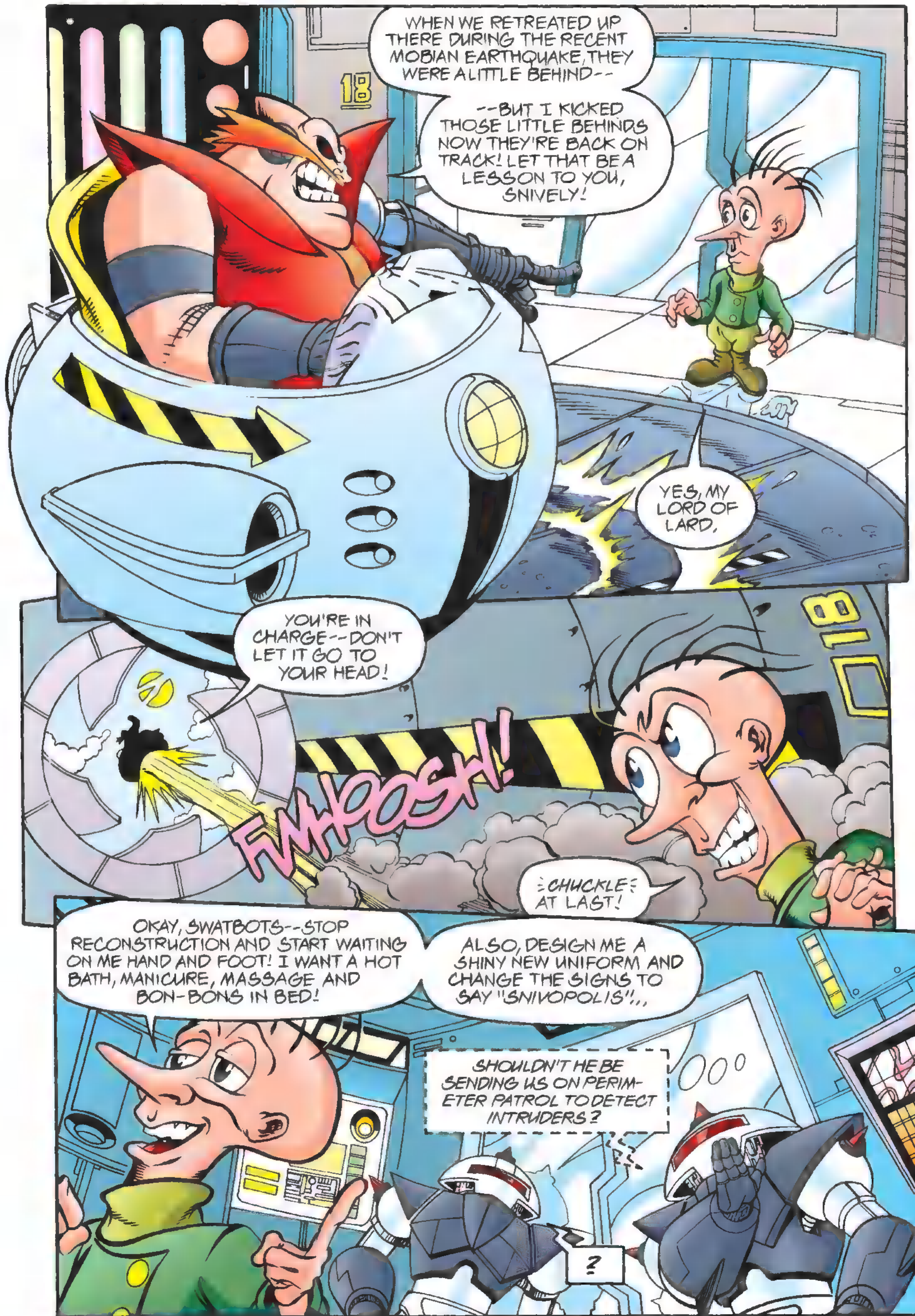
SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS
COME FOR ME TO ASCEND!
I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-
BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS
TO YOU...MAKE IT SO!

YES, YOUR
CORPULENCE!

HANGER
RAY-18

BUT ARE
THEY READY
FOR YOU UP
ABOVE?

INDEED THEY ARE.
OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT
ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO
BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES
OPERATIONAL.



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WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--

--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!

YES, MY LORD OF LARD,

YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!

FNFWOOSH!

CHUCKLE AT LAST!

OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!

ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS",,

SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?

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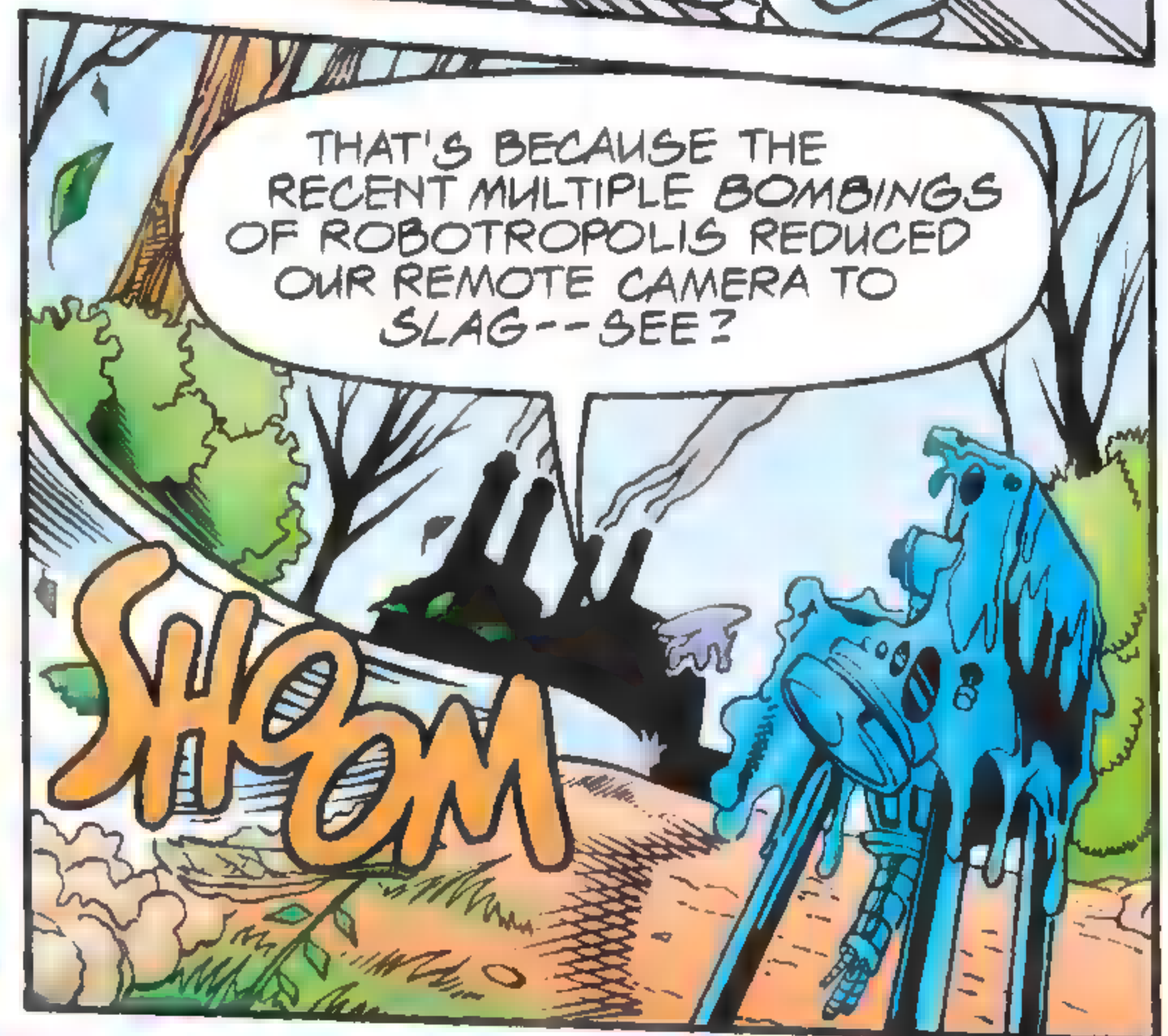
"INTRUDERS LIKE
THAT INFERNAL
HEDGEHOG
NAMED--"

SONIC! WE'RE ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS
...SHOULDN'T WE BE APPROACHING
THE POWER RING GROTTO?

TEN-FOUR,
LITTLE BUDDY!
BUT REMEMBER
WHAT SALLY
SAID--

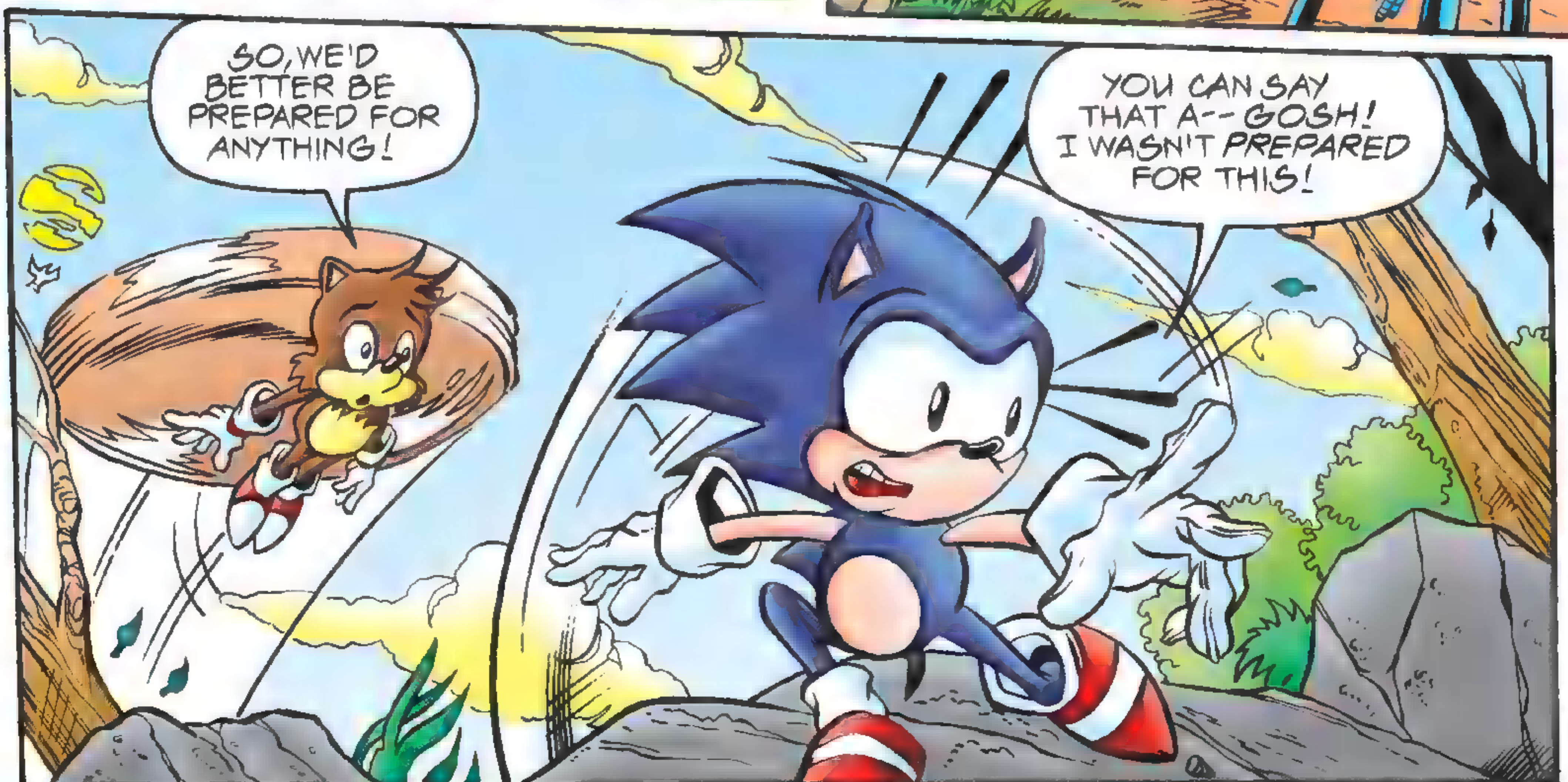


AFTER I BECAME SUPER
SONIC AND BATTLED HYPER
KNUCKLES AROUND HERE,
THIS AREA WAS FOREVER
CHANGED. ROTOR DOESN'T
HAVE ANY CURRENT
DATA.



THAT'S BECAUSE THE
RECENT MULTIPLE BOMBINGS
OF ROBOTROPOLIS REDUCED
OUR REMOTE CAMERA TO
SLAG--SEE?

SHOOM



SO, WE'D
BETTER BE
PREPARED FOR
ANYTHING!

YOU CAN SAY
THAT A--GOSH!
I WASN'T PREPARED
FOR THIS!

THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED UNDERNEATH A DOME OF IMPENETRABLE STEEL!

HOLY PEPPERONI!! WHEN AND HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

I DON'T KNOW. Hmmm-- BUT I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--

JUST WEST OF HERE, IN THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD NAMED CARL CONDOR.

WHY DON'T I WAIT HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOME WHILE YOU CONTACT HIM?

YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE BACK IN A **FLASH...** NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT INTENDED!

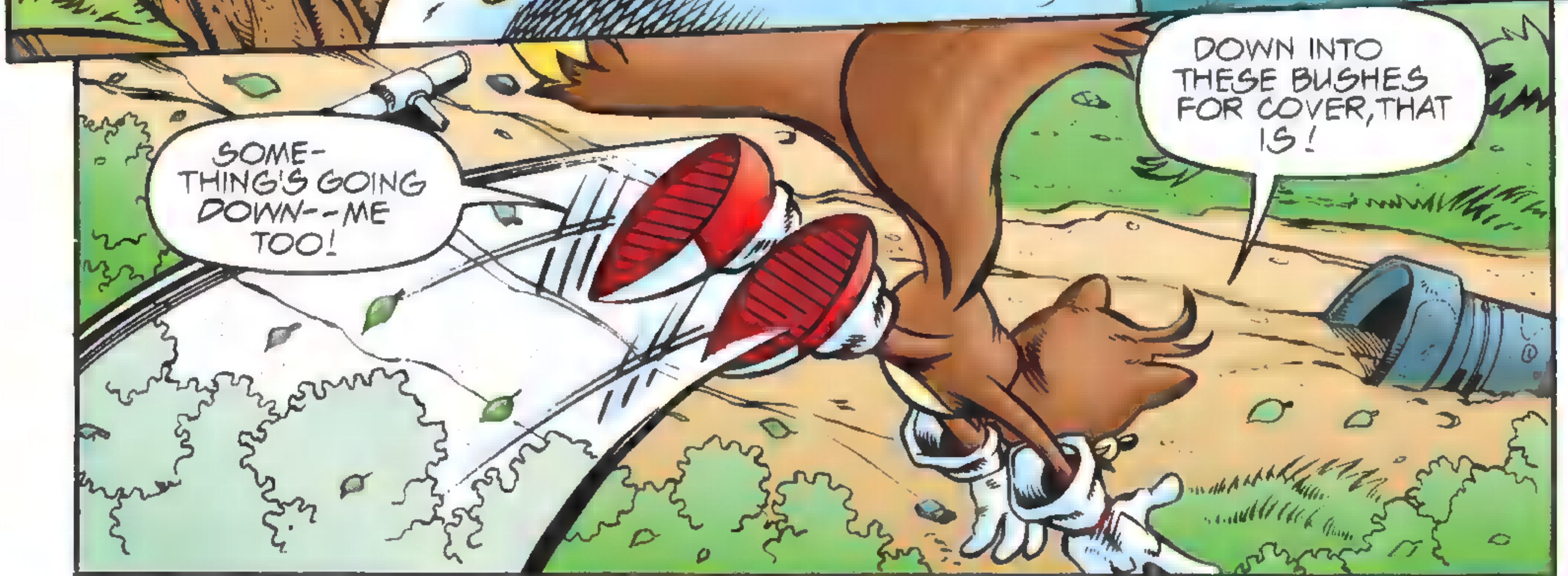
VAVA-VROOM!



MOMENTS
LATER:

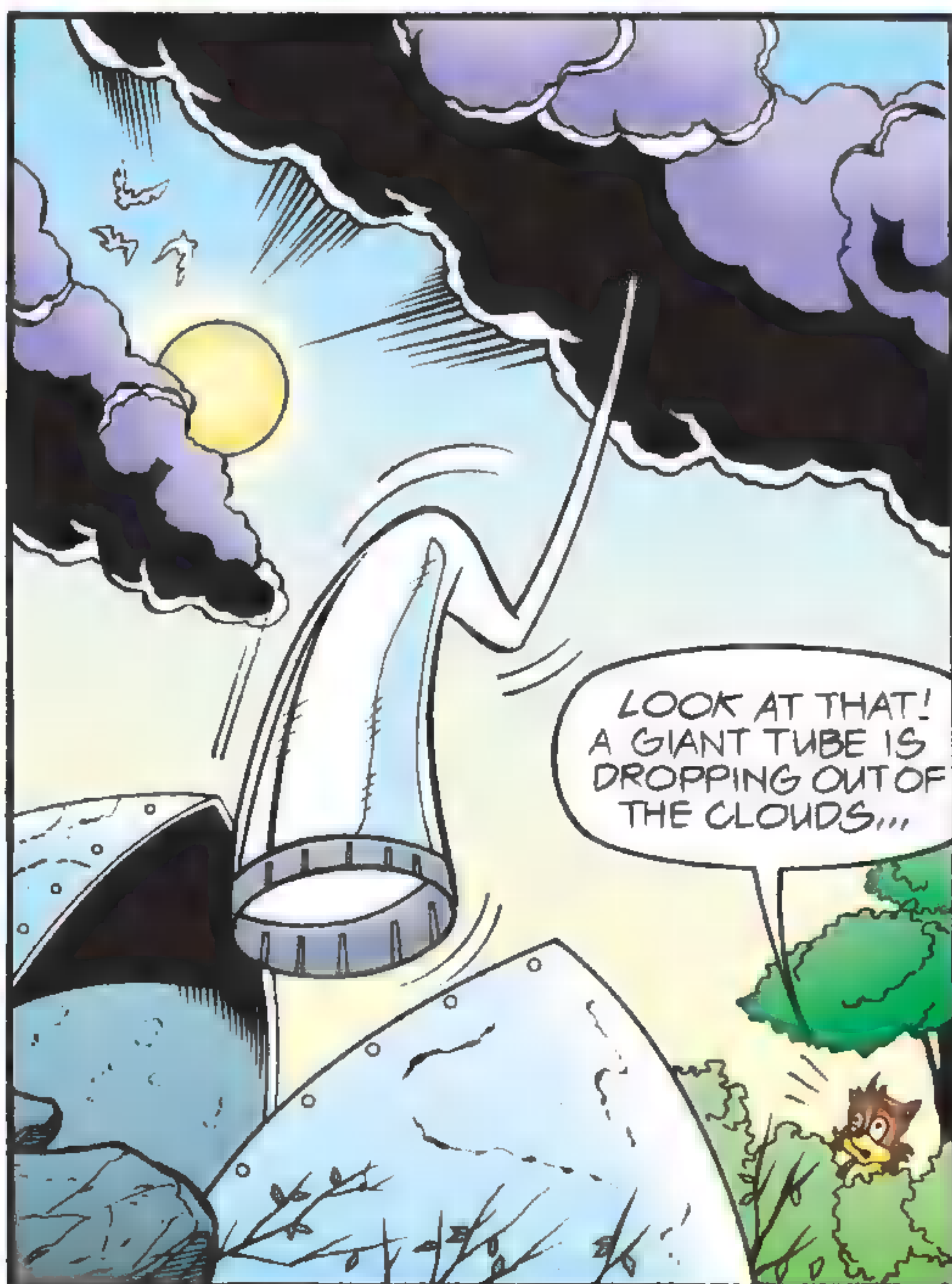
YIPE!
THE DOME IS
RETRACTING!

CH-CHUNG



SOME-
THING'S GOING
DOWN--ME
TOO!

DOWN INTO
THESE BUSHES
FOR COVER, THAT
IS!

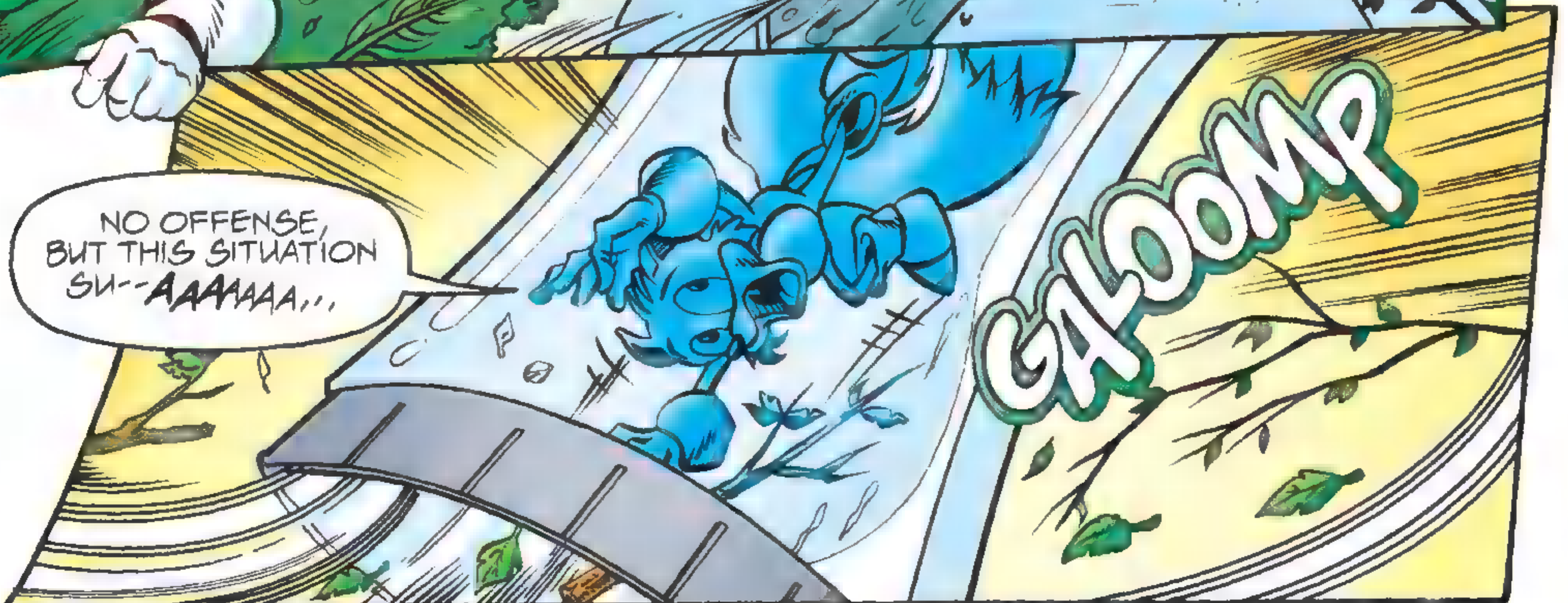
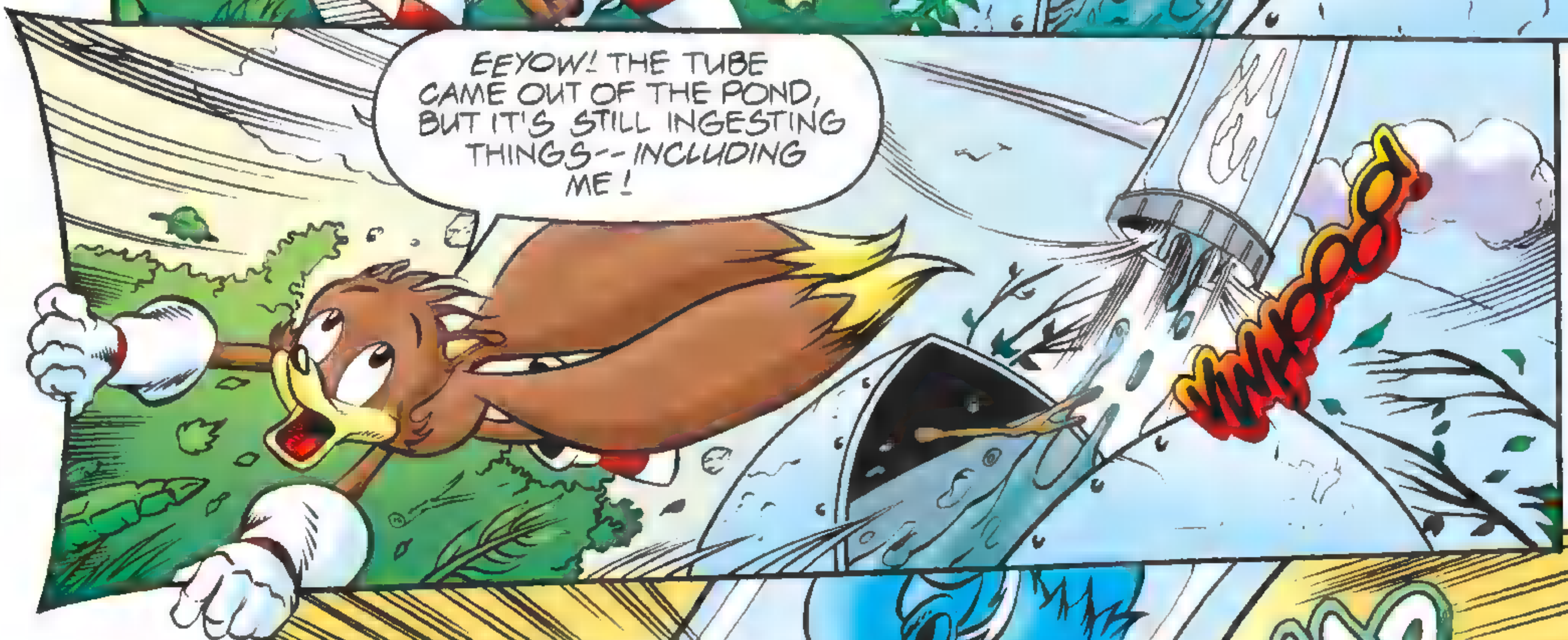
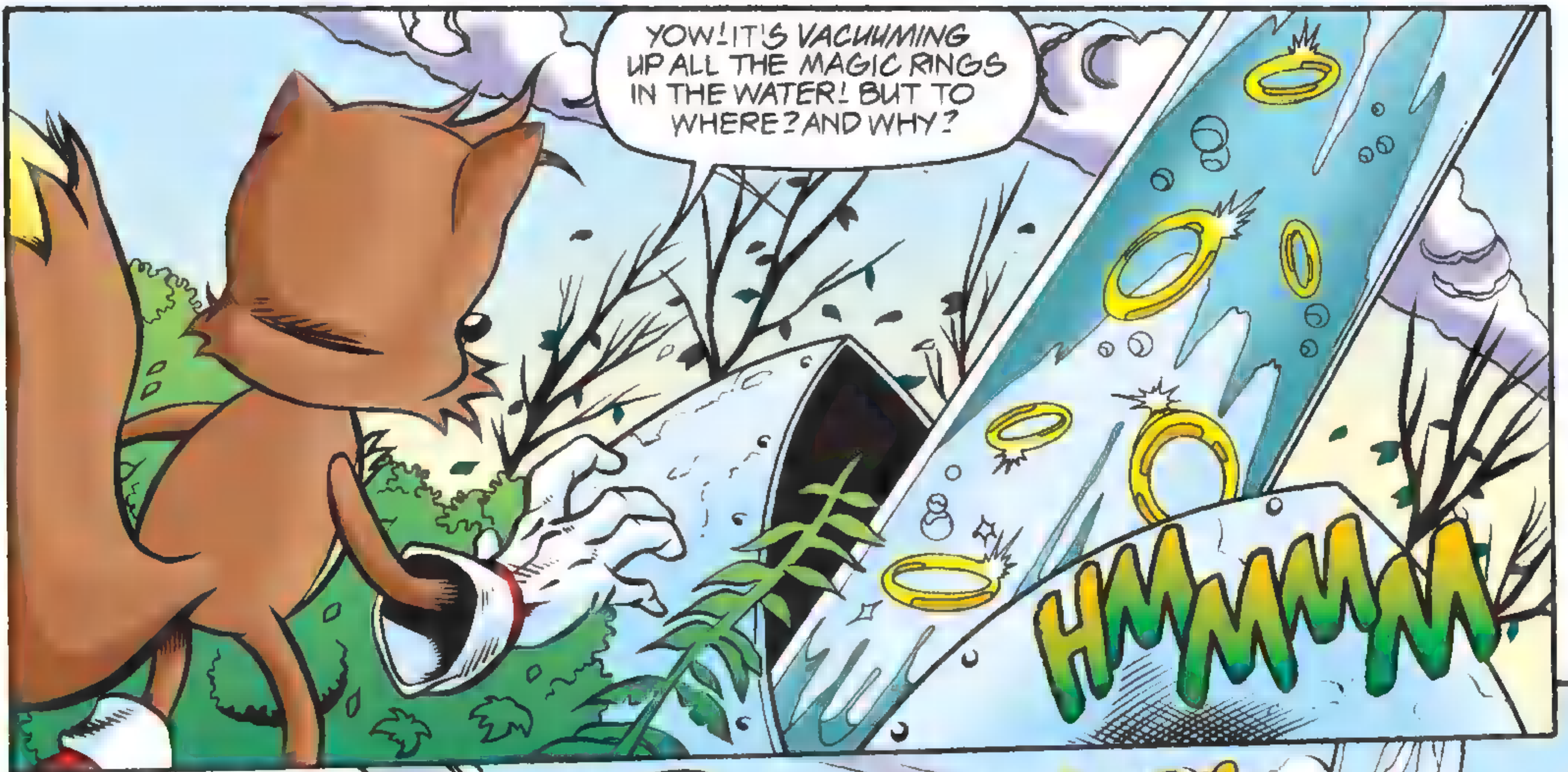


LOOK AT THAT!
A GIANT TUBE IS
DROPPING OUT OF
THE CLOUDS...



...AND IT'S
INSERTED ITSELF
INTO THE
GROTTO!

SKTOOSH



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MEANWHILE...

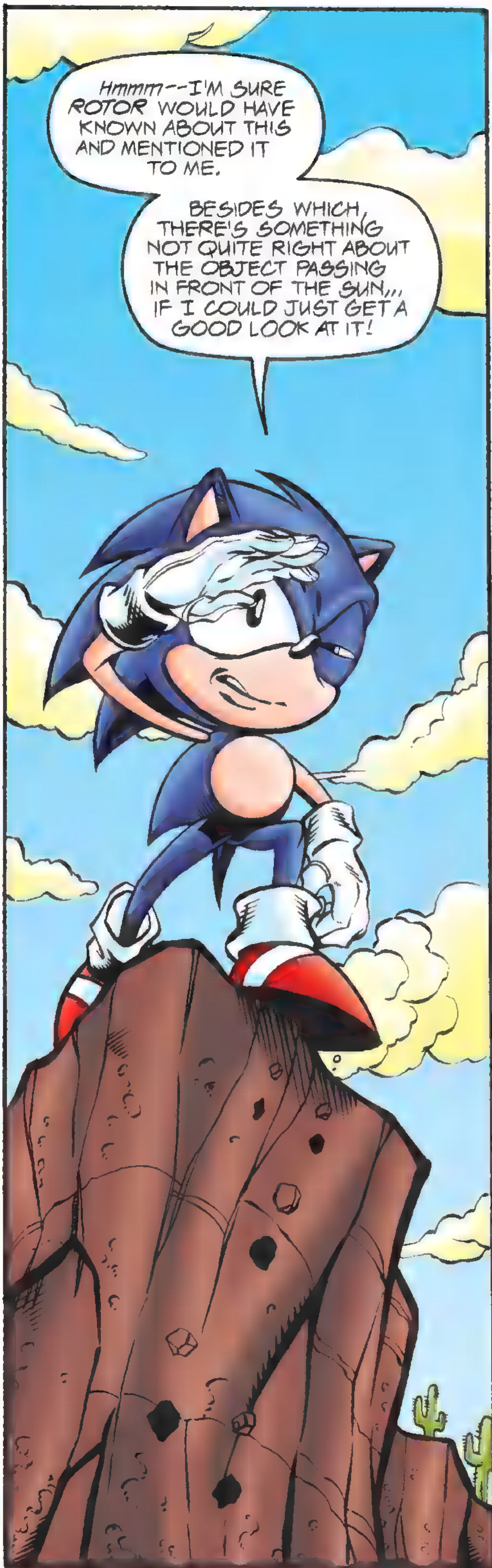
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE
TO SPOT CARL CONDOR
FROM THIS OUTCROPPING...
UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES
SPOTS ME FIRST!

HELLO!

SCREEECH!

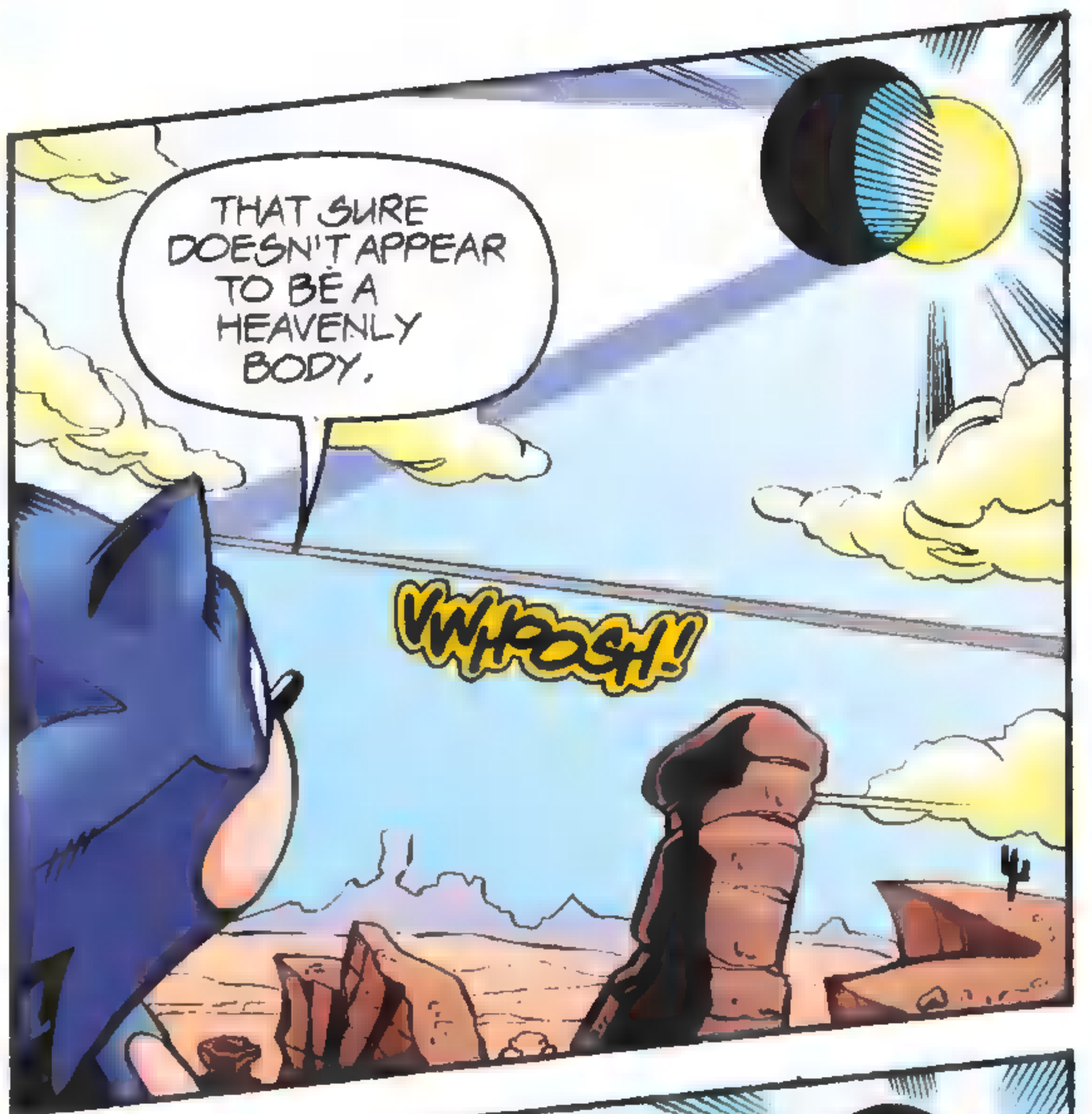
HELLO
HELLO
HELLO

OWW--WHAT'S
WITH THE SUN? I
DIDN'T KNOW WE
WERE DUE FOR
A SOLAR
ECLIPSE!



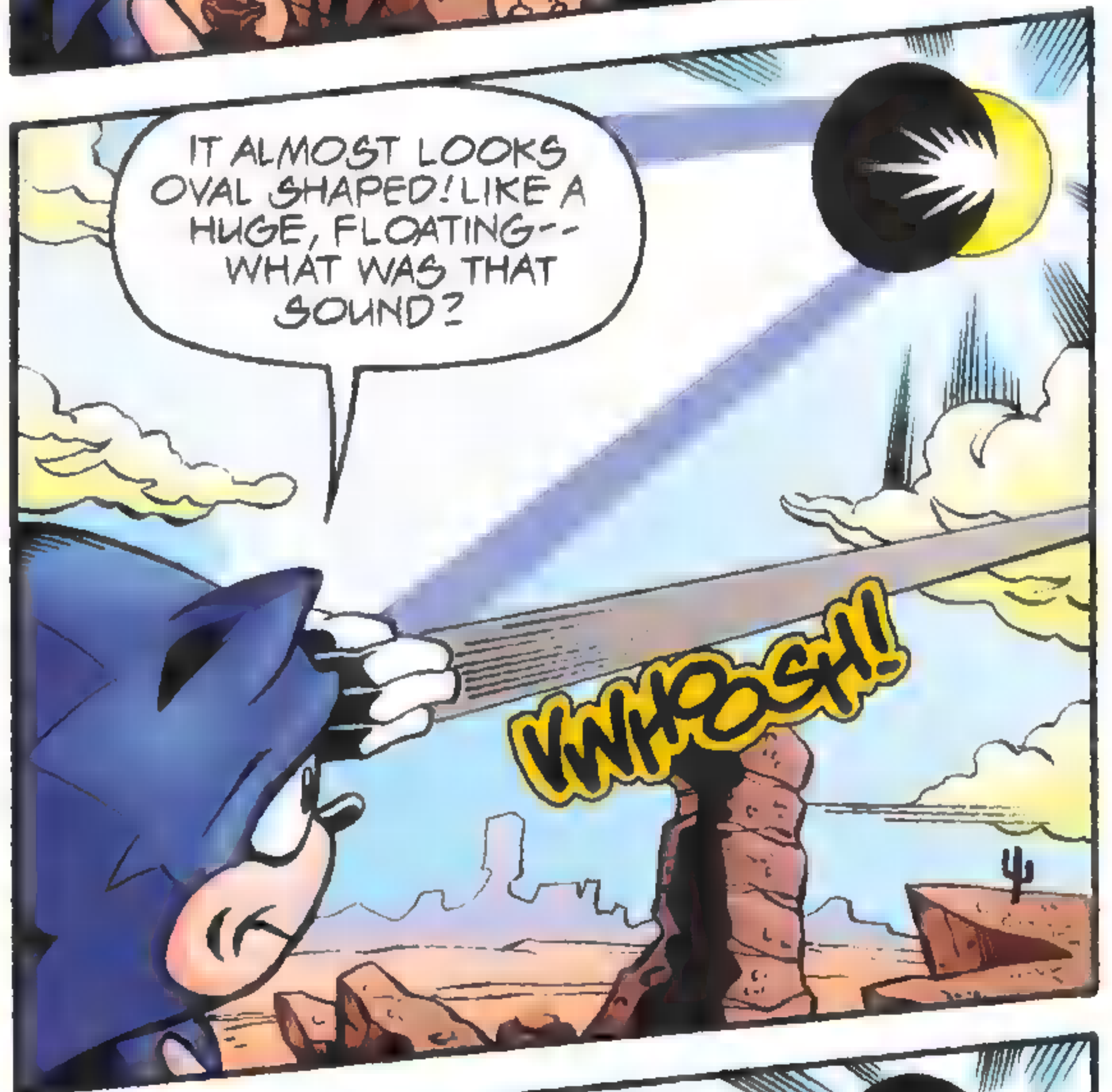
HMMM--I'M SURE ROTOR WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS AND MENTIONED IT TO ME.

BESIDES WHICH, THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THE OBJECT PASSING IN FRONT OF THE SUN... IF I COULD JUST GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT!



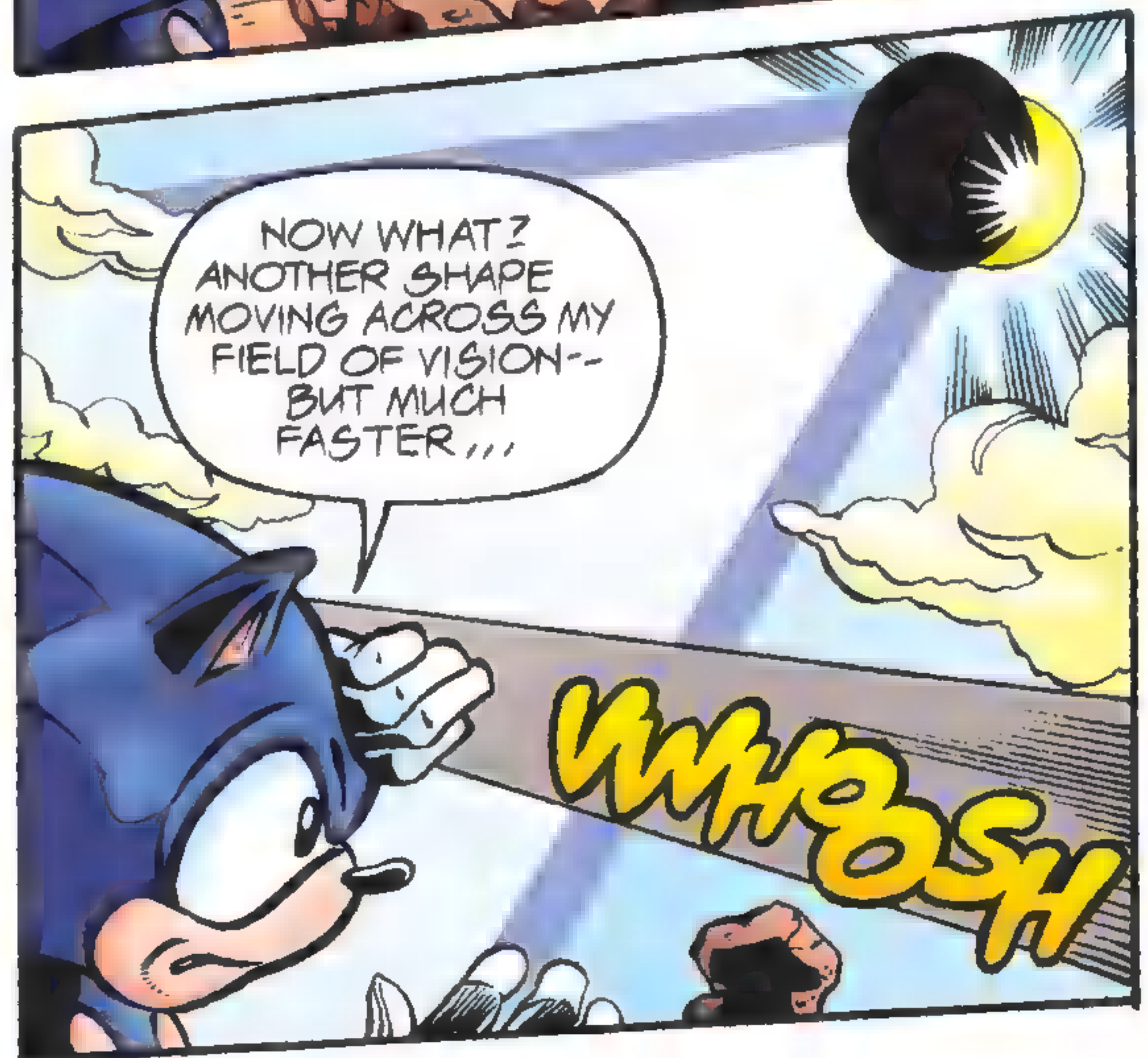
THAT SURE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A HEAVENLY BODY.

VWHOOSH!



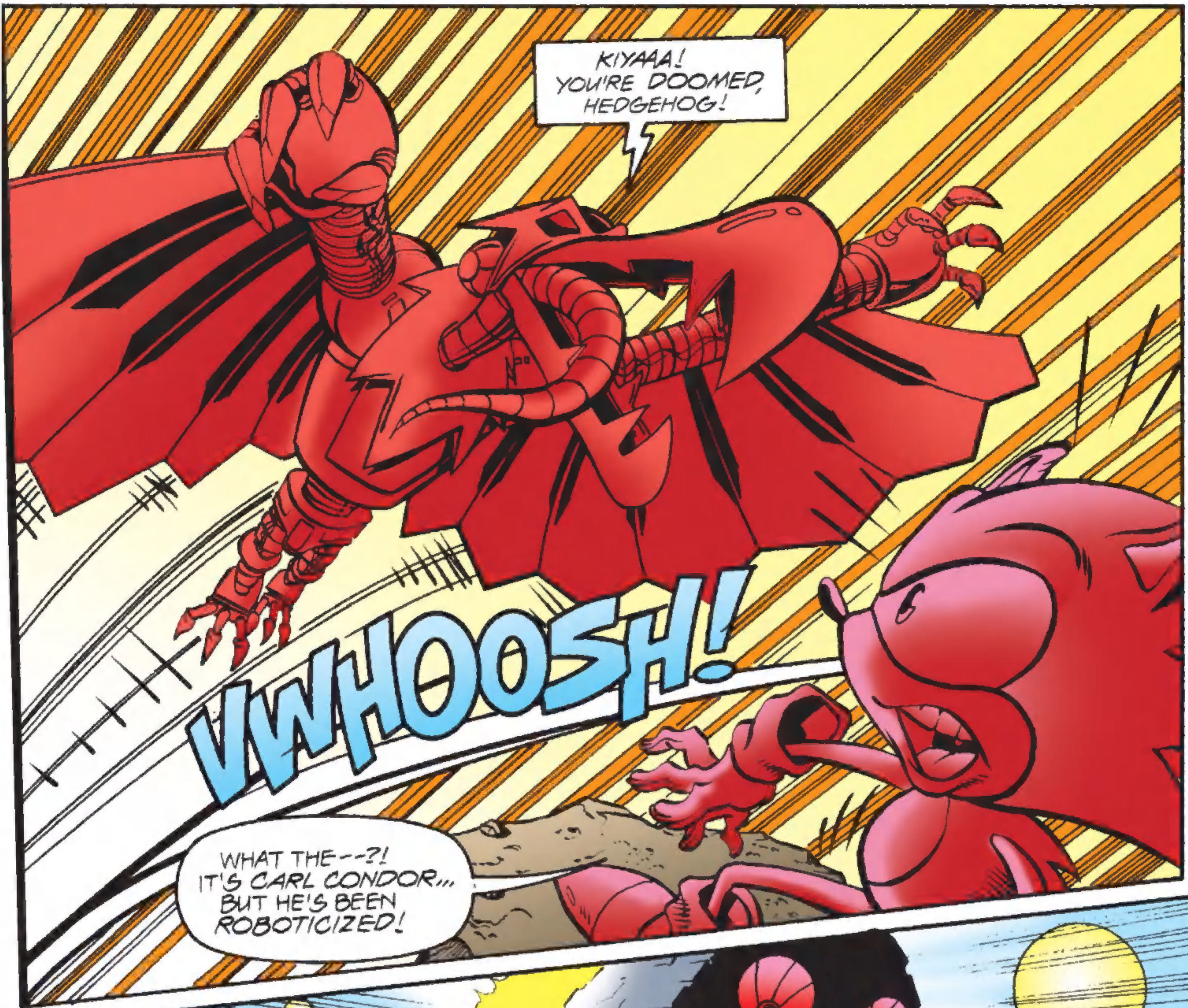
IT ALMOST LOOKS OVAL SHAPED! LIKE A HUGE, FLOATING-- WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?

VWHOOSH!



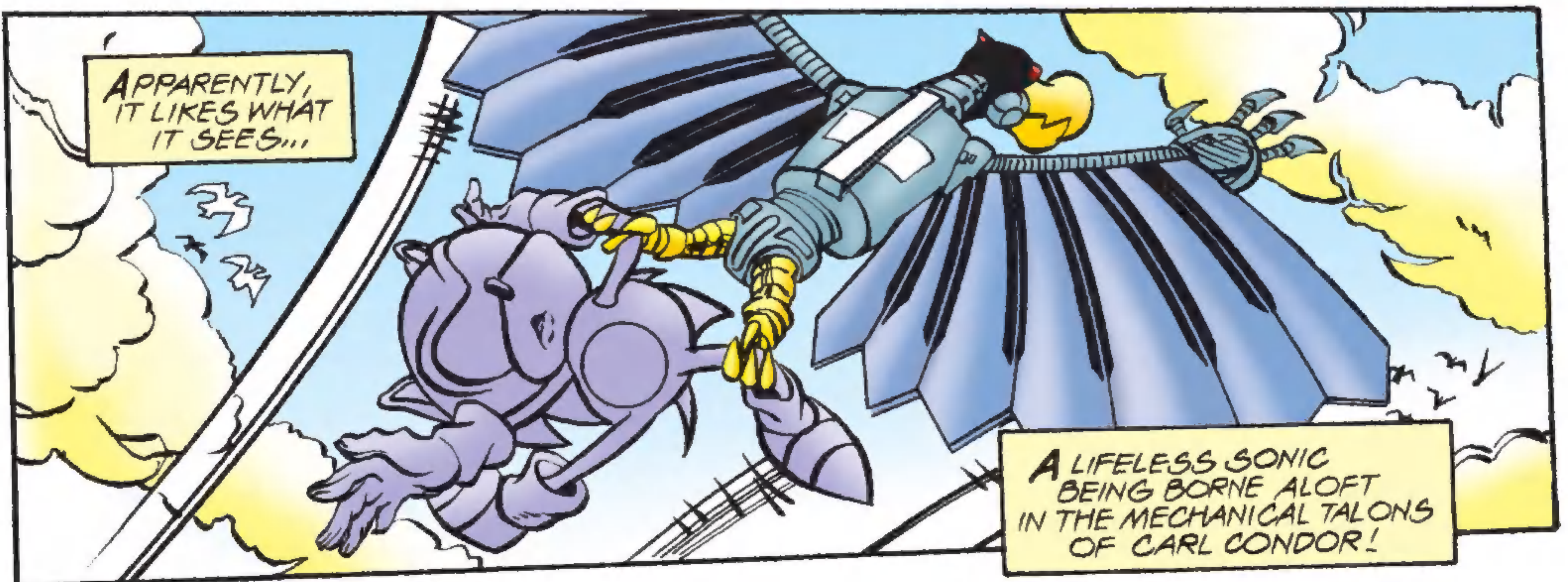
NOW WHAT? ANOTHER SHAPE MOVING ACROSS MY FIELD OF VISION-- BUT MUCH FASTER...

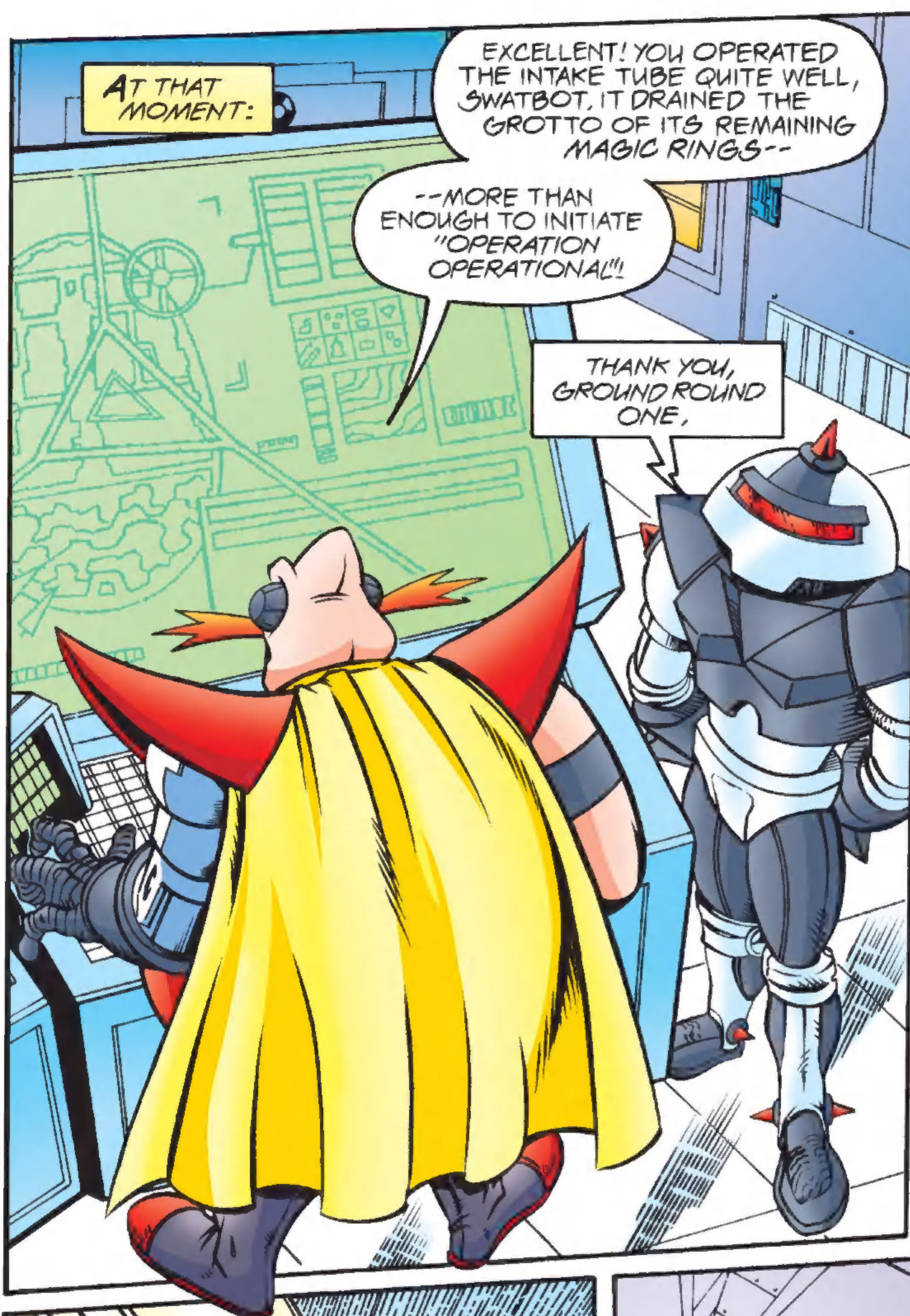
VWHOOSH!

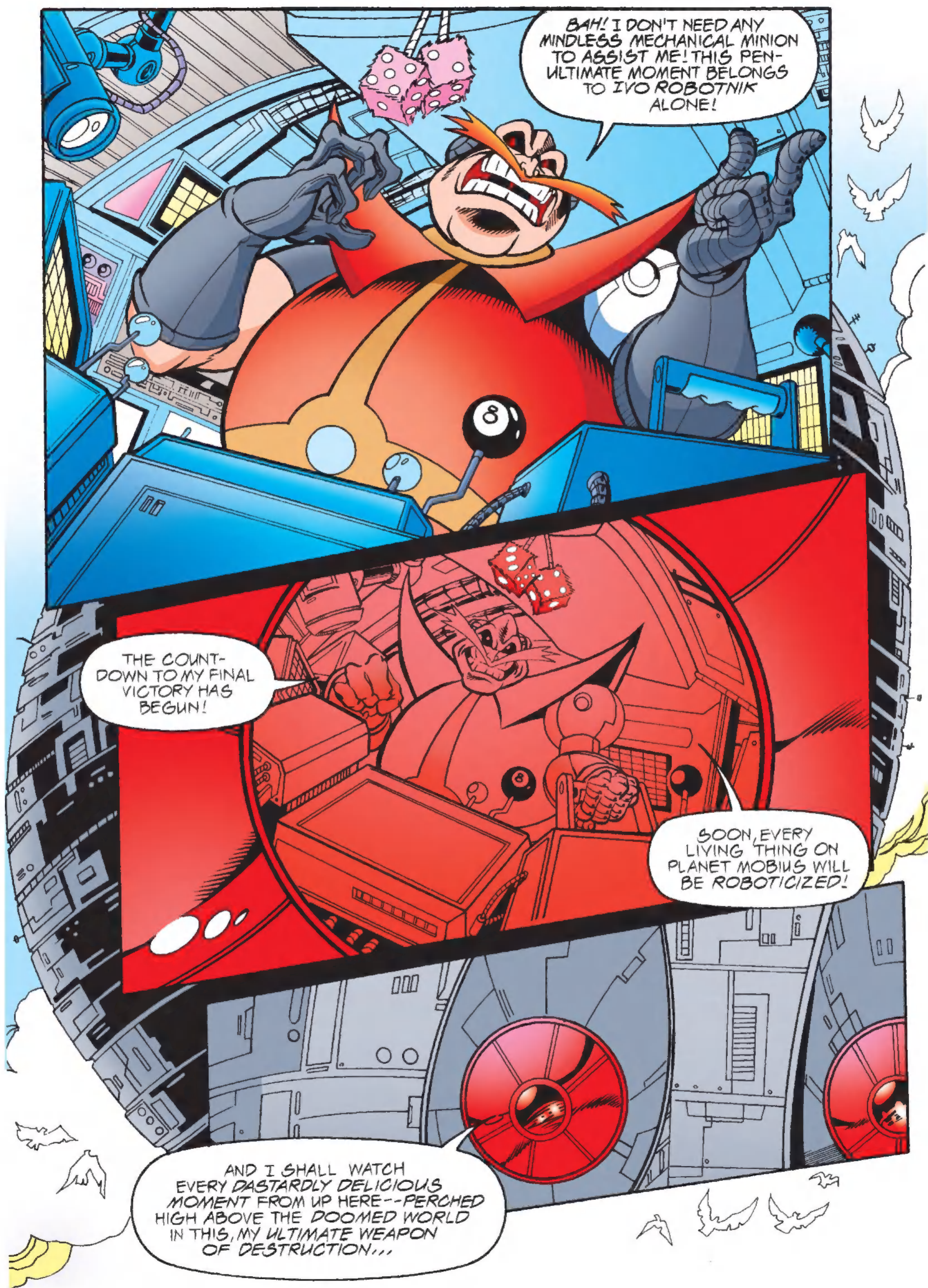


OUT OF HIS ELEMENT
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
FROM SQUINTING AT THE
SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS
QUICKLY...

WHILE UP ABOVE,
THE UNKNOWN
OBJECT MOVING
ACROSS THE SKY
ALMOST SEEMS TO
BE WATCHING!







BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY
MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION
TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-
ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS
TO IVO ROBOTNIK
ALONE!

THE COUNT-
DOWN TO MY FINAL
VICTORY HAS
BEGUN!

SOON, EVERY
LIVING THING ON
PLANET MOBIUS WILL
BE ROBOTICIZED!

AND I SHALL WATCH
EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS
MOMENT FROM UP HERE---PERCHED
HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD
IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON
OF DESTRUCTION...

